

Teen Fiction – Metamorphosis

Alexander, Lloyd. **Arkadians**. Dutton, 1995. 272 p. (0525454152). Gr. 6+.
To escape the wrath of the king and his wicked soothsayers, an honest young man joins with a poet-turned-jackass and a young girl with mystical powers on a series of epic adventures.

Almond, David. **Clay**. Delacorte Press, 2006, 256 p. (038573171X) Gr. 6+.
The developing relationship between teenager Davie and a mysterious new boy in town morphs into something darker and more sinister when Davie learns firsthand of the boy's supernatural powers.

Baker, E.D. **Princess Frog**. Bloomsbury, 2002. 214 p. (1582347999). Gr. 5+.
After reluctantly kissing a frog, an awkward, fourteen-year-old princess suddenly finds herself a frog, too, and sets off with the prince to seek the means--and the self-confidence--to become human again.

Bruchac, Joseph. **Wabi: A Hero's Tale**. Dial Books, 2006. 208 p. (0803730985). Gr. 6+.
After falling in love with an Abenaki Indian woman, a white great horned owl named Wabi transforms into a human being and has several trials and adventures while learning to adapt to his new life.

Collodi, Carlo. **The Adventures of Pinocchio**. Knopf, 1944. 142 p. (0394821106).
Pinocchio, a wooden puppet full of tricks and mischief, with a talent for getting into and out of trouble, wants more than anything else to become a real boy.

Enthoven, Sam. **Black Tattoo**. Razorbill, 2006. 512 p. (1595141146). Gr. 9+.
When his best friend, Charlie, is possessed by an ancient demon, fourteen-year-old Jack, accompanied by a girl with superhuman powers, battles all over London and into Hell to save him.

Gaiman, Neil. **Stardust**. Spike/Avon Books, 1999. 238 p. (0380977281). Gr. 8+.
In the quiet English hamlet of Wall, Tristran Thorn embarks on a remarkable journey through the world of Faerie to recover a fallen star for his lover, the hauntingly beautiful Victoria Forester.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. **Turnabout**. Simon & Schuster, 2000. 223 p. (0689821875). Gr. 6+.
Melly and Anny Beth both lived normal lives throughout the 20th century. But in 2000, when they are old and ready to die, they are selected to participate in Project Turnabout and are given an injection to make them grow younger.

Hale, Shannon. **Goose Girl**. Bloomsbury Children's Books, 2003, 383 p. (158234843X) Gr. 6+.
On her way to marry a prince she's never met, Princess Anidori is betrayed by her guards and her lady-in-waiting and must become a goose girl to survive until she can reveal her true identity and reclaim the crown that is rightfully hers.

Harrison, Mette Ivie. **Mira, Mirror**. Viking, 2004. 314 p. (0670059234) Gr. 7+.
Long after the disappearance of Snow White's stepmother, the witch trapped in her mirror manipulates a desperate peasant and a merchant's daughter to seek the magic she needs to gain her freedom, but the girls show her a power far greater.

Johnson, Maureen. **Devilish**. Razorbill, 2006. 263 p. (1595140603) Gr. 8+. Jane Jarvis, a senior at a Catholic girl's school in Providence, Rhode Island, tries to save her best friend by making a pact with a demon--in the form of a cupcake-eating, very friendly teenage girl.

Kafka, Franz. **The Metamorphosis**. Bantam Classics, 1989. 201 p. (978-0553213690) Gr. 8+. Gregor Samsa wakes up and discovers he has been changed into a giant cockroach.

Klass, David. **California Blue**. Scholastic Paperbacks, 1996. 199 p. (978-0590466899, pap.) Gr. 7+. When 17-year-old John Rodgers discovers a new subspecies of butterfly, which may necessitate closing the mill where his dying father works, he and his father find themselves on opposite sides of the environmental conflict.

Kuper, Peter, adaptor. **The Metamorphosis**. Three Rivers Press, 2004. 80 p. (978-1400052998) Gr. 9+. Kuper reworks Kafka's tale of family and alienation in graphic novel format. Features traveling salesman Gregor Samsa, who awakens one morning to find himself turned into a giant bug.

Lockhart, E. **Fly on the Wall: How One Girl Saw Everything**. Delacorte Books for Young Readers, 2006. 192 p. (978-0385732819) Gr. 8+. When Gretchen Yee, a student at the Manhattan School for Art and Music, wishes she were a fly on the wall of the boys' locker room, she never expects her wish to come true in such a dramatic way.0

Lowry, Lois. **Messenger**. Houghton Mifflin, 2004. 176 p. (0618404414). Gr. 6+. In this novel that unites characters from *The Giver* and *Gathering Blue*, Matty, a young member of a utopian community that values honesty, conceals an emerging healing power that he cannot explain or understand.

Marr, Melissa. **Wicked Lovely**. HarperTeen, 2007. 336 p. (0061214655) Gr. 7+. Seventeen-year-old Aislinn, who has the rare ability to see faeries, is drawn against her will into a centuries-old battle between the Summer King and Winter Queen, and the survival of her life, her love, and summer all hang in the balance.

Meyer, Stephenie. **Twilight**. Little, Brown and Co., 2005. 512 p. (0316160172) Gr. 9+. When seventeen-year-old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington, she meets an exquisitely handsome boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction and who she comes to realize is not wholly human.

Pierce, Tamora. **Trickster's Choice**. Random House, 2003. 422 p. (0375814663). Gr. 7+. Alianne must call forth her mother's courage and her father's wit in order to survive on the Copper Isles in a royal court rife with political intrigue and murderous conspiracy.

Pullman, Philip. **I was a Rat!** Knopf, 2000. 164 p. (0375801766) Gr. 4+. A little boy turns life in London upside down when he appears at the house of a lonely old couple and insists he was a rat.

Reeve, Philip. **Larklight**. Bloomsbury USA, 2006. 250 p. (978-1599900209) Gr. 6+. In an alternate Victorian England, young Arthur and his sister Myrtle, residents of

Larklight, a floating house in one of Her Majesty's outer space territories, uncover a spidery plot to destroy the solar system.

Shan, Darren. **A Living Nightmare** (Cirque Du Freak #1). Little, Brown Young Readers, 2002. 272 p. (978-0316605106) Gr. 5–8. Darren and Steve, two boys who are best friends, visit an illegal freak show, where an encounter with a vampire and a deadly spider forces them to make life-changing choices.

Sherman, Delia. **Changeling**. Viking, 2006. 256 p. (0670059676) Gr. 5+. In a parallel New York City, Neef, a changeling, breaks Fairy Law and will end up sacrificed to the Wild Hunt unless she can meet the challenge of the Green Lady of Central Park.

Sleator, William. **Boy Who Couldn't Die**. Amulet Books, 2004. 176 p. (0810948249). Gr. 7+. When his best friend dies in a plane crash, sixteen-year-old Ken has a ritual performed that will make him invulnerable, but soon learns that he had good reason to be suspicious of the woman he paid to lock his soul away.

Thompson, Kate. **The New Policeman**. Bodley Head, 2005. 279 p. (037032823X) Gr. 7+. Irish teenager JJ Liddy discovers that time is leaking from his world into Tir na nOg, the land of the fairies, and when he attempts to stop the leak he finds out a lot about his family history, the music that he loves, and a crime his great-grandfather may or may not have committed.

Voake, Steve. **The Dreamwalker's Child**. Bloomsbury USA, 2007. 320 p. (978-1599900384, pap.) Gr. 7+. After being hit by a car, Sam Palmer finds himself in Aurobon, a land of giant insects where some of the inhabitants are working to keep Earth's ecology in balance while others are trying to wipe out humankind with a lethal virus spread by mosquitoes. The sequel is *Web of Fire* (Bloomsbury, USA, 2007).

Westerfield, Scott. **Peeps**. New York: Razorbill, 2005, 320 p. (159514031X). Gr. 9+. Cal Thompson is a carrier of a parasite that causes vampirism, and must hunt down all of the girlfriends he has unknowingly infected.

Young, Karen Romano. **Cobwebs**. Greenwillow Books, 2004. 400 p. (978-0060297619) Gr. 6–9. Nancy, anxious to grow into her spiderness, becomes ensnared in a family mystery, while finding herself powerfully drawn to a strange boy named Dion who seems to know all about her—and her impending transformation.